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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shafesbury St. South Perth, Friday 22th July 2011, commencing at **8.00 p.m**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:  
ECO C WEED PRODUCT DEMO BY JUDY  
BRABIN & JOHN WALTON**

**AND**

**"HOW TO REMOVE A ROTTEN BULB FROM  
A CYMBIDIUM" BY PROFESSOR  
MALCOLM ROTTENBURG**

**AUGUST MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel            7.30 pm Monday 1st  
OSWA Committee        7.30 pm Friday 5th  
General Meeting         8.00 pm Friday 26th

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**Birthdays: July: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kevin Butler 15<sup>th</sup> – Dana Mitchell 16<sup>th</sup> – Maureen Grantham 18<sup>th</sup> – Roy Brown**

**August: 18<sup>th</sup> – Tom Dixon 19<sup>th</sup> – Judith Keogh 26<sup>th</sup> – Meg Brown**

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniverseries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well.

**New Members:** Thanawan Robinson of East Fremantle, Steve Dyer & Florence Clark. Welcome to the Society, we hope you enjoy a long & happy membership.

### General News

- The **OSWA Bulletin** (and other information) is now available at [www.orchidsocietywa.net.au](http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au)
- **WAROO** is putting on a display at the World Orchid Conference this November, to advertise the 2012 AOC Conference in Perth. If you are able to contribute cut flowers or old bush camping and mining equipment for the WAROO display in November, please let a Committee member know.
- **A visit to the Wajon property near Mt. Barker:** Members who would like to visit Eddy Wajon's property around September, please register your interest with Ian. We have to check if and when it is ok with Eddy Wajon.
- **A visit to Gingin.** Anyone interested in visiting Frank Grosvenor's property, please let Murray know. Frank grows Vandas well plus other genera, and a visit is very enjoyable. Now is a good time or Oct-Dec.
- **From your Committee: Members are requested to wear their name badges when picking up their plants from Shows please. Unfortunately there are a few dishonest people in the community and when dismantling a Show there are always many members of the public milling around, and since we may not know all members in the Society, this will safeguard your plants from being given to the wrong person.**
- **Spring Show** – Kardinya Shopping Centre, set-up Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> August (6-7 pm). Judging will start at 7.15 pm. Plant sales Thursday – Saturday. Write these dates on your calendar and keep them free.
- **Inter-Society Challenge:** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please let Kaye, Jim or Roy know if you are able to help us out with plants to be entered in the show or the display. There are 29 classes on the schedule and we need two plants for each class. The display is 6m x 3m and the theme is "Orchids on Track". A dinner is held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, cost \$35 per head, close of dinner acceptances was July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Item for July:** Judy Brabin & John Walton will present a demo of ECO seaweed product. Also 15 min. prior to this Professor Malcolm Rottenberg will talk about how to remove soft/rotten bulbs from Cymbidiums without taking the plant out of the pot.
- **Home Open:** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at John & Dorothy Walton's home. More particulars will be available in future Bulletins. Keep this date free.
- **19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference:** This is to be held in Perth 11-16<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Start preparing plants that you might want to sell on OSWA's Sales Table.
- **Royal Show:** Set-up Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 11 am. Break-up Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8 am. Our display has always been a big hit with the public, so try to bring in as many plants as you can for this.
- **Potting Workshop:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at the Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim Street, South Perth. Committee to set up at 8 am. Open to the public 10 am to 4 pm. There will be plant sales, talks and potting of plants.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (JUNE 2011)**Open Class:**

Class 1A (2)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	<i>C. percivaliana</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Schomburgkia superbiens</i>
Class 1B (2)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones	Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Blc. Robinson Heights
Class 1F (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Epi. Unknown
Class 4A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Den. goldschmidtianum</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Coerulea 'Blue'
Class 6E (1)	2. Bob & Nancie Jones	Beallara Tahoma Glacier
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Acampe longifolia</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phragmipedium Geralda
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phragmipedium Calurum
Class 12A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. anceps</i> var. <i>chamberlainianum</i>

**Novice Class:**

Class 15B(1)	1. Stephen Chiu	C. Unknown
Class 22B(1)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	Den.(Star of Gold x <i>fleckeri</i> ) x <i>Den. Bigibbum</i>

POPULAR VOTE: Open – *L. anceps* var. *chamberlainianum* – Maxine Godbeer

Novice – C. Unknown – Stephen Chiu

Schokman Trophy Points – Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph' (71 pts) – Bob & Nancie Jones

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points – Phrag. Geralda (70 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

**Growth Technology has generously sponsored our Winter Show to be held 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim Street, South Perth.**

**Growth Technology's range of orchid fertilisers is on sale at the Opportunity Table at OSWA Meetings at very competitive prices.**

**Please take the opportunity to support our sponsor and our Society**

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (JULY/AUGUST) by Roy Brown

This month the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheaths on the stem. Once they reach the stage where the flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering section where more protection can be given to them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and so leave a permanent mark, also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flowers and this too will cause a blemish.

Cymbidiums like to grow in a position where there is plenty of free air movement, so don't completely enclose the flowering section like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them protection from the heavy rains, and close off the sides which face the strongest winds. Don't overcrowd your plants, give them plenty of room between each pot if possible.

During July we can expect cold, wet wintry weather. Fertilising can be tapered off to once a fortnight. Watering will also depend on the weather, but don't allow the pots to become dry, particularly those in spike or under cover.

Keep the shade house and flowering house well baited with slug and snail pellets, particularly now that the flower buds are showing.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (JULY/AUGUST) by Henry Eaton

The weather has now got colder but during the day it is warmer when the sun shines. This calls for a continuation of the cultural practices outlined in the last OSWA Bulletin.

With those flowers coming into bloom, it is wise to place them under cover so that the rain cannot get to them, leading invariably to Botrytis spotting on the petals. If you note any infection starting, separate the plants to give them more fresh air and hang them up if possible. An antifungal spray of the plant may help but prevention is better than cure.

As most of your plants will now be resting because of the cold weather, watering need only be done when there is no rain forecast and the sun is out and has dried out the mixture in the pots.

Fertiliser used at this time is unlikely to have much effect. Resting plants do not require frequent watering and fertilisers can be withheld until growth recommences.

Plants in flower can be brought into the house for display but kept away from heaters etc which dry the air out and lead to the flowers lasting only a short period. Take them back to their normal growing positions outside every 3-4 days to help the flowers last as long as possible.

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show** will be held in Perth in 2012. Merle Arrah (the Conference Secretary) has requested donations of cut flowers and the loan of old bush camping or mining equipment (small transportable items only) to be used in a display to promote the 2012 AOC Conference, at the 2011 World Orchid Conference in Singapore in November.

Any members who can help out, please contact Merle; email [aocconference@dodo.com.au](mailto:aocconference@dodo.com.au) or phone 0415 116 960 or Murray as soon as possible

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**On Friday 24 June 2011**

**Welcome:** the president, Mrs. K Baylis, opened the meeting at 8.05 pm and welcomed those hardy souls who braved the wind, rain and floods to attend.

**Attendance & apologies:** as per register

**Minute's silence:** all present stood for a minute's silence for our Patron, Mr. Ken Rex.

**Minutes:** Moved T. Dixon, seconded N. Jones that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:**

- J. Walton was presented with a small gift as thanks for running the Auction at our April GM.
- Members planning to attend the Inter-Society Challenge dinner (\$35 per person) were requested to pay at the meeting or at the winter Show (July 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>) at the latest.

**Confirmation:** Moved E. Dixon, seconded R. Jones that the Business Arising has been resolved.

**Correspondence Inward:**

- Mavis Watkinson (WAROO Minutes)
- Garden Clubs of Australia advising of AGM
- Broome Orchid Society advising change of address
- Beth Hall (Neutrog Fertilisers) confirming arrangements for Neutrog presentation at 26 August meeting (attendees will receive a free Neutrog sample box valued at up to \$25)
- State Library of WA requesting Bulletin in electronic form (replied yes)
- Nancy Dunlap, WA Floral Art Society, inviting OSWA to stage a 75cm x 75cm display reflecting our Society at their Floral Art State Championships in October
- Jye Eden (email) thanking for OSWA info sent last year.
- Tony Watkinson (WOS) suggesting that OSWA may wish to put on a show at Cottesloe Central Shopping Centre
- Society Nesletters

**Correspondence Outward:**

- Cards to Judith Rex & Ken Gorey
- Email to Sue Pearson advising OSWA's plans for a display at the Inter-Society Challenge
- Merle Arrah re OSWA's requirements for sales table and display at 2012 Conference (+reply; Mere is still looking for flowers and props for WOC display in November)
- Carl Barry (thanking for sponsorship of Winter Show)
- Orchid Club of SA (exchange of electronic Bulletins to save postage)
- AOC (Coralie Hills, Treasurer) re liability insurance for Committee Members

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved J. Walton, seconded N. Jones that Correspondence Inward & Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** The Treasurer I. Duncan presented a summary of inwards & outwards transactions, current balances and a summary of accounts for payment. Moved B. Jones, seconded J. Baylis, that accounts for payment be approved. **Carried.**

**New Members:** Mrs. Thanawan Robinson

**Reports:**

- **WAROO** (I. Duncan): Issues raised at the recent WAROO meeting included status of local orchid conservation issues (John Ewing) and purchase of Sanders by clubs (J. O'Hare) T. Burnett indicated he had a set of Sanders should the club want one, and it was noted that Orchid Wiz would be a cost effective alternative. 2012 AOC Conference early bird registration has been set at \$180 (due 31/1/2012), standard registration will be over \$200. Conference dinner to be held at WA Golf Club in Yokine: cost \$70 (\$90 including transport between the venue and Burswood)

**General business:**

- K. Baylis outlined arrangements for the Winter Show. Members planning to attend the Casserole Night were asked to sign up.
- Two OSWA jackets are available (black with embroidered *Caladenia* orchids, \$44 each) White OSWA T-shirts may also be ordered.
- Entry forms for the Floral Art competition at the Royal Show are available from K. Baylis. There is only one section this year but the 1<sup>st</sup> prize is large (\$650)

**Raffle:** R. Jones, R. Pohl

**Evening's Programme: All about potting mix.** R. Brown and J. Walton led a discussion about potting mixes. R. Brown divided a cymbidium and potted a few back bulbs which were given away to enthusiastic members. J. Walton talked about his more exotic potting mixes, including his success using charcoal and large amounts of perlite. He also demonstrated how Aeroguard can be used to kill oxalis in pots without apparent harm to orchids (R. McGrath first noted this technique)

**Meeting closed at 9:30 pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference Bulletin No.4**

Momentum is beginning to pick up and plans for the best AOC Conference ever are coming together extremely well.

Registration for the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference is open and the details are now available on line at...

<http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.pdf>

And don't forget that Earlybird Registrations must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012. If you are unable to download the registration form, please contact the Secretary at the address above with your postal details. We now have credit card facilities for your ease of payment. Also attached to the Registration Form is information regarding the conference Tours.

The Conference Dinner will be held at the WA Golf Club on Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Arrangements have been made for transport to & from Burswood to the dinner venue should attendees wish to utilise this service, and please make sure you indicate this on the form and pay the appropriate amount.

We have added another seven to the eleven world class Speakers that were announced in our previous bulletin.

See here - <http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Speakers.htm>

Phalaenopsis growers will be well catered for with the inclusion of Dr. Graham McKay of Gigi Orchids in Qld, and Mr. Kuo-Liang Hung of Tying Shin Orchids, Taiwan.

Also Scott Barrie of Barrita Orchids – NSW, Mark Brundrett, Senior Lecturer in Plant Biology at UWA, Mark Clement of Tinonee Orchids, NSW, Murray Shergold of Easy Orchids, NSW, Rudolf Jenny of Switzerland – Secretary of the European Orchid Council & Research Associate of the Jany Renz Herbarium, University of Basel, Switzerland

And that's not all!! We expect to have a final lineup of 21 Lecturers & 27 lectures over a three day period. The lectures will take place, one at a time, in the Botanical Room so that Registrants will be able to hear & see ALL the lectures.

It is proposed to have a system in place for registration to pre-order orchids & flasks from our guest speakers & vendors before the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference so that these items can be picked up during the event.

If you are attending the 20<sup>th</sup> WOC in Singapore in November this year, you will find our promotion booth & display, which will be manned by members of the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference Committee and other AOC members. Come and have a chat at booth B30 in the Marketplace.

Further information regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference website at:

[http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)